

**HOUSE OF LORDS
APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION**

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By email: <REDACTED>

Freedom of Information Act

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request, which the House of Lords Appointments Commission (HOLAC) received on 7 May 2019.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you asked for:

- Nomination forms submitted by the Democratic Unionist Party in 2015
- Any letters received by the commission in support of these nominations

HOLAC does not hold recorded information in relation to your request. The names of party political nominees, for all political parties are given to the Commission via the Prime Minister's office. The Commission then conducts a vetting exercise in relation to propriety, before providing suitable advice to the Prime Minister.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may write to the Secretary to the Commission, Helen Ewen, to ask for an internal review by another person not involved with this request. Please note that we will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by HOLAC.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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